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Programme budget implications arising from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of the first part and second part of its thirty-second session 1/

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with regulation 4.8 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation

Addendum

1. In paragraphs 8 to 12 of the statement of programme budget implications arising from the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of the first and second part of its thirty-second session (A/47/16 (Part I and Part II)/Add.1), the Secretary-General outlined the programme budget implications arising from implementation of the decision contained in paragraph 274 of the Committee's report on the second part of its thirty-second session (A/47/16 (Part II)). In that paragraph, the Committee decided to propose to the Administrative Committee on Coordination that the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination be held in the spring of 1993 to discuss the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and their implications for the United Nations system. At the time the earlier statement was prepared the venue of the spring session of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, and hence the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings, had yet to be decided. It has since been confirmed that the Administrative Committee will meet at Rome in April 1993. Accordingly, were the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings to follow the spring session of the Administrative Committee, this would involve it being held for two days in April 1993 at Rome, preceded by a three-day meeting of members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

2. In paragraph 10 of the earlier statement it was indicated that the Secretariat's understanding was that, were the meetings held at Rome, it would be at the invitation of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and no additional conference-servicing costs would arise. The Secretariat has now been informed by FAO that, while it would be happy to make its facilities available for the meetings, since it does not have a large permanent conference-servicing facility, the Secretariat's understanding was not correct and that, were the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings to be held at Rome, this would require reimbursement by the United Nations of related costs of $135,000, broken down as follows:

CPC meeting - three days (interpretation into six languages)	United States dollars	
Rent of meeting room and offices	5 400	
Cost of interpretation	43 450	
Other expenses (staff, overtime, general operating expenses, etc.)	27 100	
Total	75 950	
Rounded to		76 000
Joint CPC/ACC meeting - two days (interpretation into six languages)		
Rent of meeting room and offices	3 600	
Cost of interpretation	35 820	
Other expenses (staff, overtime, general operating expenses, etc.)	19 840	
Total	59 260	
Rounded to		59 000

3. As indicated in paragraphs 11 and 12 of the earlier statement, no additional appropriation would be requested in respect of the costs arising, other than conference-servicing costs, were the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings held at Rome. In the light of the new information from FAO, however, were the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings to be held at Rome, additional requirements of $135,000 would arise to meet the cost of reimbursements to FAO of related conference-servicing costs. The programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 includes no provision for such costs and it is not anticipated that they can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

4. Accordingly, should the General Assembly decide that the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings should be held at Rome in April 1993, it would be necessary to request an additional appropriation of $135,000 under section 1 of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

5. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed resources available from the contingency fund, those activities can be implemented only through redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of projected activities. Otherwise, such additional activities will have to be deferred until a later biennium. A consolidated statement of all programme budget implications and revised estimates will be submitted to the Assembly towards the end of its current session.

6. No activities are proposed for termination, deferral, curtailment or modification in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 in order to finance reimbursements to FAO for conference-servicing costs arising from holding the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination at Rome. In the event, therefore, that such resources are not available from the contingency fund, those activities would have to be postponed, as provided for in the criteria for the use of the contingency fund adopted by the General Assembly in the annex to its resolution 42/211 of 21 December 1987.

Summary

7. As indicated above, an additional appropriation of $135,000 would be required under section 1, Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, in connection with the holding of the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination at Rome during April 1993.

Notes

1/ A/47/16 (Part I and Part II). The report of the Committee will be issued in final form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/47/16).